

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The "marketplace" is not a panacea for all public concerns. Information is not a commodity like entertainment or steel. For a properly functioning democratic society to operate, there needs to be a variety of sources of information available to as many people as possible. The commercial industry of cable, network broadcast, and satellite services has sway over most of U.S. viewers. I get chills thinking about every newspaper, TV broadcaster, and radio station in a region or city being owned by one person or entity. I think you should think about it again. For all our sakes and our posterity. Thank you for your consideration of my comments